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1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM DECEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS.

FOLLOWING ON BRIEF DISCUSSION OF JUSTCONCLUDED STEVER VISIT AND BRIEFING BY SPASOWSKI ON RESULTS OF POLISH-FRG TALKS(SEPTEL), SPASOWSKI SAID HE WISHED TO GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM STAWIARSKI, ACTING HEAD OF THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION IN SAIGON, ON THE QUESTION OF THE PA&E EMPLOYEES.

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2. SPASOWSKI SAID THE MEN "ARE IN SAFETY". ONE OF

THEM HAD BEEN ILL (HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH ONE), BUT THE ILLNESS HAD NOT BEEN SERIOUS. "ACCORDING TO ALL THE INDICATIONS," HE SAID, "A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT THEY ARE TO BE RELEASED." AS TO WHEN THE RELEASE WOULD TAKE PLACE, HE COULD NOT SAY WITH EXACTITUDE, BUT "IT WOULD NOT TAKE TOO LONG."

- 3. AS A PERSONAL EVALUATION, SPASOWSKI ADDED THAT **
 HAD THE IMPRESSION THA RELEASE HAD TAKEN SO LONG BECAUSE
 OF THE ILLNESS REFERRED TO ABOVE. IT HAD APPARENTLY BEEN
 THE WISH OF THE PRG THAT THE SICK MAN BE RESTORED TO HEALTH
 BEFORE THE RELEASE TOOK PLACE.
- 4. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, THIS INFORMATION WAS ONLY AVAILABLE T HE POLES. HE THEREFORE ASKED THAT IT BE CONFINED TO AMERICAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES. HE SAID THAT STAWIARSKI WOULD PRESUMABLY BE CALLING ON PRATT BYRD TO GIVE HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION. I SAID I WOULD RECOMMEND STRONGLY TO WASHINGTON AND SAIGON THAT THE INFORMATION BE HELD WITHIN OFFICIAL US CIRCLES.
- 5. SPASOWSKI ADDED THAT, IN TRANSMITTING THIS INFORMATION, THE POLISH DELEGATION HAD REPORTED THAT THEY HAD REACHED THE POINT IN THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PRG AT WHICH THEY FELT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO PRESS THE PRG FURTHER ON THE MATTER. COMMENT: THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THIS WAS THE REASON THE POLES HAD NOT RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH THE PRG PARTY DURING THE WARSAW VISIT OF NGUYEN HUU THO. END COMMENT.
- 6. WHEN WE HAD COMPLETED OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, SPASOWSKI, ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANYTHING MORE TO SAY ABOUT VIETNAM FOR THE MOMENT. I SAID I HAD NOT PLANNED TO RAISE THE MATTER TODAY, BUT, SINCE HE HAD ASKED, I FELT OBLIGED TO POINT TO THE RECENT INCIDENTS IN VIETNAM IN WHICH THE DRV AND PRG HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR RESPONSIBLILITY FOR ATTACKING NHA BE AND OTHER PLACES. I THEN MADE THE POINTS SUGGESTED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REFTEL B. FOLLOWING THIS PRESENTATION, SPASOWSKI SAID HE THOUGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A "DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE" ABOUT VIETNAM FOLLOWING MY RETURN TO WARSAW, I AGREED.

7. PRESUMABLY THIS DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16. I SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR SAIGON IN PREPARATION. DAVIES

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